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Plasmids containing DNA-Sequences that cause changes in the carbohydrate concentration and the carbohydrate composition in plants, as well as plant cells and plants containing these plasmids

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The present invention relates to plasmids containing DNA-sequences which contain information that, after insertion into a plant genome, cause changes in the carbohydrate concentration and the carbohydrate composition in regenerated plants, as well as plant cells and plants containing sequences from these plasmids.

Because of the continual growth in world population, there is a continually growing demand for nutrient and raw materials. It is the task of biotechnological research to achieve a change of the content as well as yield of crops. To do this the metabolism of the plants has to be altered.

A particular interest is the possibility of using plant ingredients as renewable raw material sources e.g. for the chemical industry. This is especially of great importance for two reasons. Firstly, up to now, mineral oil and coal deposits have been the main source of raw materials for the petrochemical industry but these deposits are finite and it can be seen that alternative, renewable raw material sources must be developed.

Secondly, the present situation of agriculture in Europe and North America has lead to a surplus of crops grown for their nutritive properties. This causes obvious financial and political problems in agriculture. Alternative products for which there is a higher quantitative demand could be a solution to this problem.

Renewable raw materials can be divided into fats and oils, proteins and carbohydrates, such as mono-, di-, oligo- and

polysaccharides. The most important polysaccharides are starch and cellulose. In the EEC, the total starch production in 1987-1988 comprised maize (60%), wheat (19%) and potato (21%).

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For an increasing use of plant starch as an industrial raw material the quality of the starch must meet the demands of the processing industry. Important considerations include the amylose to amylopectin ratio, the chain
10 length, the branching grade of the amylopectin as well as the size of the starch granules.

The main biochemical synthetic pathways for the production of starch in higher plants are well known. Starch consists
15 of amylose and amylopectin, in which the amylose consists of a linear α -1,4-glucan and amylopectin consists of α -1,4-glucans, which are connected to each other via α 1,6-linkages and thus form a branched polyglucan. The so-called branching enzyme (Q-enzyme) is responsible for the
20 introduction of the α -1,6-linkage. One method for the production of starch which only has a linear α -1,4-glucan structure is therefore by the inhibition of the enzymatic activity of the proteins and/or the inhibition of the biosynthesis of the branching enzyme. New biotechnology
25 processes for the genetic alteration of dicotyledonous and monocotyledonous plants by transfer and stable installation of single isolated genes or groups of genes are known (Gasser and Fraley, Science 244, 1293-1299). The possibility of specific expression of foreign genes
30 inserted in the plant by gene technology, primarily in potato tubers, is also known (EP 375092 and Rocha-Sosa et al., EMBO J. 8, 23-29 (1989)).

The present invention provides plasmids containing
35 DNA-sequences which contain information that, after

insertion into a plant genome, cause changes in the carbohydrate concentration and the carbohydrate composition in regenerated plants.

- 5 The invention further provides plant cells containing sequences from these plasmids which can be regenerated to whole plants, as well as plants containing sequences from these plasmids.
- 10 The term "plant" means a commercially useful plant, preferably maize, barley, wheat, rice, peas, soya beans, sugar cane, sugar beet, tomato, potato or tobacco.

Carbohydrates which can be altered by the DNA sequences
 15 are mono-, di-, oligo- or polysaccharides. Starch is an example of a polysaccharide which can be modified in plants and plant cells.

With the plasmids of the invention, it is possible to
 20 modify the amylose to amylopectin ratio of the starch in plant cells and in plants. This is possible through the presence of a branching enzyme, located on the plasmid, which has the following sequence:

	10	20	30	40	50	60
1	TCAGGAGCGGCTTTG66ATATTTCTTCCACCCAAAATCAAGAGTTAGAAAAGATGAAAG					
51	GATGAAGCACAAGTTCAAGCTATTTCC6CTGTTTGGACC6ATGACAATTCGACAATGGCACC					
121	CCTAGAGGAAGATGTCAACACTGAAAATATTGGCCTCCTAAATTTGGATCCAACCTTTGGA					
181	ACCTTATCTAGATCACTTCAGACACAGAATGAAGAGATATGTGGATCAGAAAATGCTCAT					
241	TGAAAAATATGAGGGACCCCTTGAGGAATTTGCTCAAAGTTATTTAAAAATTTGGATTCAA					
301	CA66GAAGATG6TTG6CATAGTCTATC6TGAATG6G6CTCCTGCTGCTCA6GAAGCAGAAGT					
361	TATTG6CGATTTCAATG6TA6GAACG6TTCTAACCACATGATGGAGAAG6ACCAAGTTTGG					
421	T6TTT6GA6TATTAGAATTCTGATGTTGACAGTAAGCCAGTCATTCCACACAACCTCCAG					
481	AGTTAAGTTTCGTTTCAAACATG6TAATG6AGTGTG66TAGATCGTATCCCTGCTTGGAT					
541	AAAGTATGCCACTG6CAGACGCCACAAAGTTG6CAGCACCATATGATGGTGTCTACTGGGA					
601	CCCACCACCTTCA6AAAAGGTACCACTTCAAATACCCTG6CCCTCCCAAACCCCGAGCCCC					
661	AC6AATCTAC6AA6CACATGTG6G6CATGAGCA6CTCTGAGCCACGTGTAAATTCGTATCG					
721	TGAGTTT6CAGATGATGTTTTACCTCGGATTAA6GCAAAATAACTATAATACTGTCCAGTT					

781 GATG6CCATAATG6GAACATTCTTACTATGGATCATTTGGATATCATGTTACAAACTTTTT
841 TGCTGTGA6CAATAGATATG6AAAACCCGGA6GACCTAAAGTATCTGATAGATAAA6CACA
901 TAGCTTG66TTTACAG6TTCTGGTGGATGTAGTTACAGTCATGCAAGCAATAATGTCAC
961 TGATG6CCTCAATG6CCTTGATATTG6CCAAG6TTCTCAAGAACTCTACTTTTCATGCTGG
1021 AGA6CGA6GGTACCATAAAGTTGTG6GATA6CA6GCTGTTCAACTATG6CAATTG6GAGGT
1081 TCTTCGTTTCCTTCTTTCCAACCTGAGGTGGTGGCTAGAAGAGTATAACTTTGACG6ATT
1141 TCGATTTGATG6GAATAAATTCTATGCTGTATGTTTCATCATGGAATCAATATG6GATTTAC
1201 A6GAAACTATAAATGAGTATTTGAGCGA6GCTACAGATGTTGATGCTGTGGTCTATTTAAT
1261 GTTG6CCAATAATCTGATTCACAA6ATTTTCCAGACGCAACTGTTATTG6CGAAGATGT
1321 TTCTGGTATGCCG6GCTTA6CCG6CCTGTTTCTGA6GGAGGAATTG6TTTTGATTACCG
1381 CCTG6CAATG6CAATCCAGATAAGTGGATAGATTATTTAAAGAATAAGAATGATGAAGA
1441 TTGGTCCATGAAGGAAGTAACATCGAGTTTGACAAATAGGAGATATACAGAGAAGTGTAT
1501 AGCATATGCGGA6AGCCATGATCAGTCTATTGTCGGTGACAAGACCATTGCAATTTCTCCT
1561 AATGAACAAAGAGATGTATTCTG6CATGTCTTGCTTGACAGATGCTTCTCCTGTTGTTGA
1621 TGCA6GAATTGCGCTTGACAAGATGATCCATTTTTTTCACAATG6CCTTGGGA6GAGA6G
1681 GGTACCTCAATTTTCATG6GTAACGA6TTTGCCCATCCTGAGTGGATTGACTTCCCTAGTG
1741 AGGGCAATAATTGGA6TTATGACAAATGTAGACGCCAGTGGAACTCGCAGATAGCGAAC
1801 ACTTGAGATACAA6TTTATGAATGCATTTGATAGAGCTATGAATTCGCTCGATGAAAAGT
1861 TCTCATTCTCGCATCAGGAAAAACAGATAGTAAGCAGCATGGATGATGATAATAAGGTTG
1921 TTGTGTTTGAACGTGGTGGCTGATTTGTATTCAACTTCCACCCAAATAACACATACG
1981 AAGGGTATAAA6TTG6ATGTGACTTGCCAGGGAAGTACAGAGTTGCACTG6ACAGTGATG
2041 CTTG6GAATTTG6TG6CCATG6AAGAGCTGGTCATGATGTTGACCATTTACATCACCAG
2101 AAGGAATACCTG6AGTTCCA6AAACAAATTTCAATG6TCGTCCAAATTCCTTCAAAGTGC
2161 TGCTCTCTGCGCAACATGTGTGGCTTATTACAGAGTTGATGAACGCATGTCATAAACTG
2221 AAGATTACCAGACAGACATTTGTAGTGAGCTACTACCAACAGCCAATATCGA6GAAAAGTG
2281 ACGA6AAACTTAAAGATTCATCATCTACAAATATCA6TACATCATCTACAAAAAATGCTT
2341 ATTACAGAGTTGATGAACGCATGTCAGAA6CTGAAGATTACCAGACAGACATTTGTAGTG
2401 AGCTACTACTACCAACAGCCAATATCGA6GAGAGTGACGAGAACTTGATGATTCATTAT
2461 CTACAAATATCA6TAACATTG6TCAGACTGTTGTAGTTTCTGTTGA6GAGAGACAAAGG
2521 AACTTAAAGATTACCATCTGTAAAGCATCATTAGTGATGCTGTTCCA6CTGAATG6GCTG
2581 ATTC6GATGCAACGCTCTG6G6TGAGGACTAGTCA6ATGATTGATCGATCCTTCTACGTT
2641 G6TGATCTCGGTCCGTGATGATGCTTCAGGGTGGTAGCATTGACTGATTGATCATAG
2701 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTAAAGTATTTCTCTATGATATTATTAGCATCCAATAAATTTAC
2761 TG6TTGTTGTACATAGAAAAAGTGCAATTTGATGTATGTGTTTCTGAAATTTTCCCA
2821 GTTTTG6TCTTTGCTTTGGA6CCAA6TCTCTATATGTAATAAGAAAACTAAGAAACAAT
2881 CACATATATAAAATGTTAGTAGATTACCA .

The property of the branching enzyme to modify the amylose/amylopectin ratio in starch is not limited to a coding sequence exactly as it is shown here but can also be represented by slightly different nucleotid sequences.

- 5 The property of the branching enzyme is also not changed when the plasmids containing the branching enzyme, are modified in the plant cell or the plant.

10 To be active, the DNA sequence of the branching enzyme is fused to the regulatory sequences of other genes which guarantee a transcription of the DNA (coding) sequence of the branching enzyme. The DNA sequence can also be fused in an inverted direction to the regulatory sequences of other genes, whereby the 3'-end of the coding sequence is
15 fused to the 3'-end of the promoter and the 5'-end of the coding sequence is fused to the 5'-end of the termination signal. In this way an anti-sense RNA of the branching enzyme is produced in the plant. The regulatory sequences are hereby promoters and termination signals of plant or
20 viral genes, such as for example the promoter of the 35S RNA of the cauliflower mosaic virus or the promoter of the class I patatin-gene B 33 and the termination signal of the 3'-end of the octopine synthase gene of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5.

25 Plant cells containing sequences from these plasmids can be regenerated in known manner to complete transgenic plants. It is possible to insert simultaneously, more than one copy of these sequences into a plant cell or plant.

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The following plasmids were deposited at the Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen (DSM) in Braunschweig, Germany on the 20th August 1990 (deposit number):

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| 5 | Plasmid | P35 S-BE | (DSM 6143) |
| | Plasmid | P35 S-anti-BE | (DSM 6144) |
| | Plasmid | P33-BE | (DSM 6145) |
| | Plasmid | P33-anti-BE | (DSM 6146) |

10 Description of the Figures

Figure 1 shows the restriction map of the 13.6 kb plasmid P35 S-BE. The plasmid contains the following fragments.

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| 15 | A | = | Fragment A (529 bp) contains the 35S promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV). The fragment contains the nucleotides 6909-7437 of the cauliflower mosaic virus. |
| 20 | B | = | Fragment B (2909 bp) contains the DNA fragment which codes for the branching enzyme. |
| | C | = | Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of the gene 3 of the T-DNA of the |
| 25 | | | Ti-plasmid pTiACH5 from the nucleotide 11749 to 11939. |

Also shown are the cleavage sites described in Example 1.

- 30 Figure 2 shows the restriction map of the 13.6 kb plasmid P35 S-anti-BE. The plasmid contains the following fragments:

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| 35 | A | = | Fragment A (529 bp) contains the 35S promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV). The |
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fragment contains the nucleotides 6909 to 7437 of the CaMV.

- 5 B = Fragment B (2909 bp) contains the DNA fragment which codes for the branching enzyme.
- C = Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of gene 3 of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5. The fragment contains the nucleotides
- 10 11749-11939.

Also shown are the cleavage sites described in Example 2.

Figure 3 shows the restriction map of the 14.6 kb plasmid P33-BE. The plasmid contains the following fragments.

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- 20 A = Fragment A (1526 bp) contains the DraI-DraI-fragment of the promoter region of the patatin-gene B33. The fragment contains the nucleotide positions -1512 to +14.
- B = Fragment B (2909 bp) contains the DNA fragment which codes for the branching enzyme.
- 25 C = Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of the gene 3 of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5. The fragment contains the nucleotide positions 11749-11939.

30 Also shown are the cleavage sites described in Example 3.

Figure 4 shows the restriction map of the 14.6 plasmid P33-anti-BE. Plasmid contains the following fragments:

- 35 A = Fragment A (1526 bp) contains the DraI-DraI

fragment of the promoter region of the patatin gene B 33. The fragment contains the nucleotide position -1512 to +14.

- 5 B = Fragment B (2909 bp) contains the cDNA-fragment which codes for the branching enzyme.
- C = Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of the gene 3 of the T-DNA of the
- 10 Ti-plasmid pTiACH5. The fragment contains the nucleotides 11749-11939.

Also shown are the cleavage sites described in Example 4.

- 15 In order to understand the examples forming the basis of this invention all the processes necessary for these tests and which are known per se will first of all be listed:

1. Cloning process

- 20 The vectors pUC18/19 and pUC118, and the M13mp10 series (Yanisch-Perron et al., Gene (1985), 33, 103-119) were used for cloning.

- For plant transformation, the gene constructions were
- 25 cloned into the binary vector BIN19 (Bevan, Nucl. Acids Res. (1984), 12, 8711-8720).

2. Bacterial strains

- The E. coli strain BMH71-18 (Messing et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (1977), 24, 6342-6346) or TB1
- 30 was used for the pUC and M13 mp vectors.

- For the vector BIN19 exclusively the E. coli strain TB1 was used. TB1 is a recombinant-negative,
- 35 tetracycline-resistant derivative of strain JM101

(Yanisch-Perron et al., Gene (1985), 33, 103-119).
The genotype of the TB1 strain is (Bart Barrel,
personal communication): F'(traD36, proAB, lacI,
lacZAM15), Δ (lac, pro), SupE, thiS, recA,
5 Sr1::Tn10(TcR).

The transformation of the plasmids into the potato
plants was carried out by means of the Agrobacterium
tumefaciens strain LBA4404 (Bevan, M., Nucl. Acids
10 Res. 12, 8711-8721, (1984); BIN19 derivative).

3. Transformation of Agrobacterium tumefaciens

In the case of BIN19 derivatives, the insertion of
the DNA into the agrobacteria was effected by direct
15 transformation in accordance with the method
developed by Holsters et al., (Mol. Gen. Genet.
(1978), 163, 181-187). The plasmid DNA of transformed
agrobacteria was isolated in accordance with the
method developed by Birnboim and Doly (Nucl. Acids
20 Res. (1979), 7, 1513-1523) and was separated by gel
electrophoresis after suitable restriction cleavage.

4. Plant transformation

10 small leaves, wounded with a scalpel, of a sterile
potato culture were placed in 10 ml of MS medium with
25 2 % sucrose containing from 30 to 50 μ l of an
Agrobacterium tumefaciens overnight culture grown
under selection. After from 3 to 5 minutes gentle
shaking, the Petri dishes were incubated in the dark
at 25°C. After 2 days, the leaves were laid out on MS
30 medium with 1.6 % glucose, 2 mg/l of zeatin ribose,
0.02 mg/l of naphthylacetic acid, 0.02 mg/l of
gibberellic acid, 500 mg/l of claforan, 50 mg/l of
kanamycin and 0.8 % Bacto agar. After incubation for
35 one week at 25°C and 3000 lux, the claforan

concentration in the medium was reduced by half. The regeneration and cultivation of the plants were carried out according to known processes (Rocha-Sosa et al EMBO Journal 8, 23-29 (1989)).

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5. Analysis of genomic DNA from transgenic potato plants

The isolation of genomic plant DNA was effected in accordance with Rogers and Bendich (Plant Mol. Biol. (1985), 5, 69-76.

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For the DNA analysis, after suitable restriction cleavage, 10 to 20 µg of DNA were analysed by means of Southern blots for the integration of the DNA sequences to be investigated.

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6. Analysis of the total RNA from transgenic potato plants

The isolation of plant total RNA was carried out in accordance with Logemann et al. (Analytical Biochem. (1987), 163, 16-20).

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For the analysis, 50 µg portions of total RNA were investigated by means of Northern blots for the presence of the transcripts sought.

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7. Protein extraction

For the extraction of total protein from plant tissue, pieces of tissue were homogenised in protein extraction buffer (25 mM sodium phosphate pH 7.0, 2 mM sodium hydrogen sulphite), with the addition of 0.1 % (w/v) of insoluble polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP).

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After filtration through cellulose, cell detritus was centrifuged off for 20 minutes at 10,000 revolutions per minute and the protein concentration of the

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supernatant was determined in accordance with the method developed by Bradford (Anal. Biochem. (1976)/ 72, 248-254).

5 8. Detection of foreign proteins by means of immunological processes (Western blot)

10 The protein extracts were separated according to molecular weight by means of gel electrophoresis in SDS-PAGE (sodium dodecylsulphate polyacrylamide) gels. After SDS-PAGE the protein gels were
15 equilibrated for from 15 to 30 minutes in transfer buffer for graphite electrodes (48 g/l of tris, 39 g/l of glycine, 0.0375 % SDS, 20 % methanol) and then transferred in a cooling chamber to a nitrocellulose filter and separated at 1.3 mA/cm² for from 1 to 2
20 hours. The filter was saturated for 30 minutes with 3 % gelatin in TBS buffer (20 mM tris/HCl pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl), and the filter was then incubated for 2 hours with the appropriate antiserum in a suitable dilution (1:1000 - 10000 in TBS buffer) at room
25 temperature. The filter was then washed for 15 minutes each with TBS, TTBS (TBS buffer with 0.1% polyoxyethylene-(20)-sorbitan monolaurate) and TBS buffer. After being washed, the filter was incubated
30 for 1 hour at room temperature with alkaline phosphatase-conjugated goat-anti-rabbit (GAR) antibodies (1:7500 in TBS). The filter was then washed as described above and equilibrated in AP buffer (100 mM tris/HCl pH 9.5, 100 mM NaCl, 5 mM
35 MgCl₂). The alkaline phosphatase reaction was started by means of the substrate addition of 70 µl of 4-nitrotetrazolium (NBT) solution (50 mg/ml of NBT in 70 % dimethyl-formamide) and 35 µl of 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate (BCIP) (50 mg/ml BCIP in dimethylformamide) in 50 ml of AP buffer. As a rule

the first signals were observed after 5 minutes.

9. Determination of the amylose/amylopectin ratio in starch of transgenic potato plants.

5 Leaf pieces, having a diameter of 10 mm were floated in 6% sucrose solution under continuous light for 14 hours. This light incubation induced a strong increased starch formation in the leaf pieces. After incubation, the amylose and amylopectin concentration was determined according to Hovenkamp-Hermelink et al
10 (Potato Research 31, 241-246 (1988)).

The following examples illustrate the preparation of the plasmids according to the invention, the insertion of
15 sequences from those plasmids into the plant cell as well as regeneration of transgenic plants and the analysis of those transgenic plants.

Example 1

20 Preparation of the plasmid P35s-Be and insertion of the plasmid into the plant genome of the potato.

From a cDNA library in the expression vector pgt11, different clones were identified that cross-react with an
25 antibody that is directed against the branching enzyme of potatoes. These clones were used to identify complete clones from a cDNA library in the HindII-position the vector pUC 19 that originate from isolated mRNA of growing potato tubers. One clone isolated in this manner had an
30 insert size of 2909 bp of the sequence:

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1 TCA6GA6C66TCTT66GATATTTCTTCCACCCCAAAATCAAGAGTTAGAAAAAGATGAAAG
61 GATGAA6CACAGTTCAGCTATTTCC6CTGTTTTGACC6ATGACAATTCGACAAT66CACC
121 CCTAGAGGAAGATGTCAACACTGAAAATATT66CCTCCTAAATTT66ATCCAACCTT66A
181 ACCTTATCTAGATCACTTCAGACACAGAATGAAAGATAT6T66ATCAGAAAATGCTCAT
241 TGA AAAATATGAG66ACCCCTT6AG6AATTTGCTCAA66TTATTTAAAAATTT66ATTCAA
301 CAG6GAAGAT66TTGCATA6TCTATCGTGAAT666CTCCTGCTGCTCA6GAAGCAGAAGT
361 TATT66C6ATTTCAAT66TAGGAAC66TTCTAACCACAT6AT6GAGAA66ACCA6TTT6G
421 T6TTT66AGTATTAGAATTCCTGAT6TTGACAGTAAGCCAGTCATTCACACAACTCCA6
481 AGTTAA6TTTCGTTTCAAACAT66TAAT6GAGT6T666TAGATCGTATCCCTGCTT66AT
541 AAAGTATGCCACTGACAGACGCCACAAA6TTT6CAGCACCATATGAT66T6TCTACT66GA
601 CCCACCACCTTCAGAAA66TACCCTTCAAATACCCTCGCCCTCCCAAACCCCGAGCCCC
661 ACGAATCTACGAAGCAGAT6T66CAT6AGCAGCTCTGAGCCACGTGTAAATTCGTATCG
721 TGA6TTT6CAGAT6ATGTTTTACCTCG6ATTAAGGCAAATAACTATAATACT6TCCA6TT
781 GAT66CCATAAT6GAACATTCTTACTAT66ATCATTTG6ATATCAT6TTACAAACTTTTT
841 T6CTGTGA6CAATAGATATGGA AACCC6GAGACCTAAAGTATCTGATAGATAAAGCACA
901 TAGCTT666TTTACAG6TTCT66T66AT6TAGTTCACA6TCAT6CAAGCAATAATGTCAC
961 T6AT66CCTCAAT66CTTTGATATT66CCA66TTCTCAAGAATCCTACTTTTAT6CT6G
1021 AGAGCGAG66TACCATAA6TT6T66GATAGCA66CT6TTCAACTAT6CCAATT66GAGGT
1081 TCTTCGTTTCCTTCTTTCCAACTTGA66T66T66CTAGAAAGATATAACTTTGACG6ATT
1141 TCGATTTGAT6GAATAACTTCTAT6CTGTAT6TTCATCAT6GAATCAATAT66GATTTAC
1201 AGGAAACTATAATGA6TATTTAGCGAGGCTACAGAT6TTGATGCTGT66TCTATTTAAT
1261 GTT66CCAATAATCTGATTCACAAGATTTTCCAGACGCAACTGTTATT66C6AAGATGT
1321 TTCT66TAT6CC666CCTTAGCC66CCT6TTTCTGA66GAG6AATT6GTTTTGATTACC6
1381 CCT66CAAT66CAATCCCAGATAAGT66ATAGATTATTTAAAGAATAAGAATGATGAAGA
1441 TT66TCCATGAAGGAAGTAACATCGAGTTTGA6AAATAGGAGATATACAGAGAAGTGTAT
1501 AGCATAT6C66AGA6CCAT6ATCA6TCTATT6TC66TGA6AAGACCATT6CATTTCTCCT
1561 AATGAACAAAGAGAT6TATTCTGGCAT6TCTTGCTT6ACA6ATGCTTCTCCTGTT6TTGA
1621 T6CA6GAATT6C6CTT6ACAAGAT6ATCCATTTTTTTCACAAT6GCCTT66GAG6AGAG6
1681 66TACCTCAATTTTAT666TAAC6AGTTTGGCCATCCTGAGTGGATT6ACTTCCCTAGTG
1741 AG66CAATAATT6GAGTTATGACAAATGTAGACGCCAGT6GAACCTCGCAGATAGC6AAC
1801 ACTT6AGATACAA6TTTATGAATGCATTT6ATAGAGCTATGAATTCGCTCGATGAAAAGT
1861 TCTCATTCCTG6CATCA6GAAAA6ATAGTAAGCA6CAT66ATGATGATAATAAG6TTG
1921 TT6T6TTTGAACGT66T6ACCT66TATTTGTATTCAACTTCCACCCAAATAACACATACG

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1981	AAAGGGTATAAAAGTTGGATGTGACTTGCCAGGGAAAGTACAGAGTTGCACTGGACAGTGATG					
2041	CTTGGGAATTTGGTGGCCATGGAAGAAGCTGGTCATGATGTTGACCATTTACATCACCAG					
2101	AAAGGAATACCTGGAGTTCCAGAAAAGAAATTTCAATGGTCGTCCAAATTCCTTCAAAAGTG					
2161	TGTCCTCTGCGCGAACATGTGTGGCTTATTACAGAAGTTGATGAACGCATGTCATAAACTG					
2221	AAGATTACCAAGACAGACATTTGTAGTGAAGCTACTACCAACAGCCAATATCGAGGAAAAGTG					
2281	ACGAGAAAAGCTTAAAGATTCATCATCTACAAATATCAGTACATCATCTACAAAAAATGCTT					
2341	ATTACAGAAGTTGATGAACGCATGTCAGAAAGCTGAAGATTACCAAGACAGACATTTGTAGTG					
2401	AGCTACTACTACCAACAGCCAATATCGAGGAGAAGTACGAGAAAAGCTTGATGATTCATTAT					
2461	CTACAAATATCAGTAACATTGGTCAGACTGTTGTAGTTTCTGTTGAGGAGAGAGACAAAG					
2521	AACTTAAAGATTACCATCTGTAAAGCATCATTAGTGATGCTGTTCCAGCTGAATGGGCTG					
2581	ATTCGGATGCAAGCGTCTGGGGTGAGGACTAGTCAAGATGATTGATCGATCCTTCTACGTT					
2641	GGTGATCTCGGTCCGTGCATGATGTCTTCAGGGTGGTAGCATTGACTGATTGCATCATAG					
2701	TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTAAGTATTTCTCTATGATATTATTAGCATCCAATAAATTTAC					
2761	TGGTTGTTGTACATAGAAAAAGTGCAATTTGCATGTATGTGTTTCTGAAATTTTCCCA					
2821	GTTTTGGTGTCTTGGCCTTTGGAGCCAAGTCTCTATATGTAATAAGAAAAGCTAAGAACAA					
2881	CACATATATAAAATGTTAGTAGATTACCA .					

The 2909 bp long c-DNA contained in this clone was used for the next examples and is called cBE.

5 For the preparation of a plasmid p35s-BE, this cDNA was provided with the promoter of the 35s-RNA of the cauliflower mosaic virus as well as the polyadenylation signal of the octopine synthase gene of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5. For this the orientation of the C-DNA coding for
10 the branching enzyme was chosen in such a way that the coding strain will be readable (sense-orientation). The plasmid p35s-BE has a size of 13.6 kb and comprises the three fragments A, B and C which were cloned into the cleavage sites of the polylinker of BIN19.

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Fragment A (529 bp) contains the 35s promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV). The fragment contains the nucleotides 6909 to 7437 of the CaMV (Franck et al., Cell
21, 285-294). It was isolated as EcoRI-KpnI-fragment from
20 the plasmid pDH51 (Pietrzak et al, Nucleic Acids Research 14, 5857-5868) and was cloned between the EcoRI-KpnI-cleavage position of the polylinker of the plasmid BIN 19.

Fragment B contains a 2909 bp cDNA fragment cBe which
25 codes for the branching enzyme. It was cut out as HindIII-SmaI-fragment of the vector pUC 19 and was cloned into the SmaI-position of the polylinker of BIN 19 after filling-in of the Hind-III-position with DNA polymerase. For this the orientation of the cDNA was chosen in such a way that the
30 coding strand is readable and a sense-RNA is formed. The cleavage sites BamHI/XbaI and PstI/SphI originate from the polylinker of pUC 19. The cleavage sites BamHI/XbaI/SalI/PstI originate from the polylinker of BIN 19. The two
EcoRI cleavage sites located on the fragment B are
35 internal cleavage sites of the fragment.

- Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of the gene 3 of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5 (Gielen et al EMBO J. 3, 835,846), nucleotides 11749-11939, which are isolated as PvuII-HindIII fragment from the plasmid
- 5 PAGV 40 (Herrera-Estrella et al (1983) Nature 303, 209-213) and were then cloned onto the PvuII cleavage site between the SphI-Hind-III cleavage site of the polylinker of BIN 19, after addition of SphI linkers (see Fig 1).
- 10 The plasmid p35s-BE was transferred into potatoes with the help of the agrobacterial system. After this whole plants were regenerated. Protein extracts isolated from tubers of these plants were tested for the existence of the
- 15 tubers of these plants were tested for the content of amylose and amylopectin.

Example 2

- Preparation of the plasmid p35s-anti-BE and introduction
- 20 of the plasmid the plant genome of potato.

- In a similar manner to that described in Example 1, the plasmid p35s-anti-BE was prepared, but the orientation of the designated cDNA of the branching enzyme was inverted
- 25 relative to the 35 S promotor. The plasmid p35s-anti-BE has a size of 13.6 kb and comprises the three fragments A, B and C which were cloned in the cleavage sites of the polylinker of BIN19.

- 30 Fragment A (529 bp) contains the 35s promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV). The fragment contains the nucleotides 6909 to 7437 of the CaMV (Franck et al. Cell 21, 285-294), and was isolated as EcoRI-KpnI-fragment from the plasmid pDH51 (Pietrzak et al Nucleic Acids Research
- 35 14, 5857-5868) and cloned between the EcoRI-KpnI-cleavage

site of the polylinker of the plasmid BIN 19.

Fragment B contains the 2909 bp cDNA fragment cBE which codes for the branching enzyme. It was cut from the HindIII-SmaI-fragment of the vector pUC 19 and cloned in the SmaI-position of the polylinker BIN 19 after filling in of the HindIII-position with DNA polymerase. The orientation was chosen in such a way that the non-coding strand is readable and an anti-sense-RNA is formed. The cleavage sites SphI, PstI and XbaI, BamHI, SmaI originate from the polylinker pUC 19. The cutting positions BamHI/XbaI/SalI/PstI originate from the polylinker of BIN 19. The two EcoRI cleavage sites contained on the fragment B are internal cleavage sites of this fragment.

Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of gene 3 of the T-DNA of the TI-plasmid pTiACH5 (Gielen et al EMBO J 3, 835-846), nucleotides 11749-11939, which were isolated as PvuII-HindIII-fragment from the plasmid pAGV 40 (Herrera-Estrella et al (1983), and which were cloned between the SphI-HindIII-cleavage position of the polylinker of BIN 19 after addition of Sph-I-linkers to the Pvu-II-cleavage position (see Fig 2).

The plasmid p35s-anti-BE was transferred into potatoes using the agrobacterial system. After this whole plants were regenerated.

Protein extracts, which had been isolated from tubers of these plants, were tested for the existence of the branching enzyme using the western blot analysis. Tubers of these plants were also tested for the content of amylose and amylopectin.

Example 3Preparation of the plasmid p33-BE and introduction of the plasmid into the plant genome of the potato.

5 In a similar manner to that described in Example 1, the plasmid p33-BE was prepared, but replacing the 35s promoter with the promoter of the class I patatin-gene B33 (Rocha-Sosa et al EMBO J 8 23-29). The plasmid p33-Be has a size of 14.6 kb and consists of the three fragments A, B
10 and C that were cloned into the cleavage position of the polylinker of BIN 19.

Fragment A contains the DraI-DraI-fragment (position -1512 to position +14) of the promoter region of the patatin-
15 gene B33 (Rocha-Sosa et al EMBO J 8. 23-29), which was first of all cloned into the SacI-position of the polylinker of pUC 18. For this the overhanging 3'- end of the Sac-I-cleavage site had been rendered blunt by T4-DNA polymerase. After this the EcoRI-BamHI-fragment was
20 inserted between the EcoRI-BamHI-position of the polylinker of BIN 19.

Fragment B contains the 2909 bp cDNA fragment cBE which codes for the branching enzyme. It was cut out as HindIII-SmaI-fragment from the vector pUC 19 and was cloned into
25 the SmaI-position of the polylinker of BIN 19 after the HindIII-position was filled in with DNA polymerase. For this the orientation of the cDNA was chosen in such a way that the coding strand was readable and a sense-RNA was
30 formed. The cleavage sites BamHI/XbaI and PstI/SphI originate from the polylinker of pUC 19. The cutting positions BamHI/XbaI/SalI/PstI originate from the polylinker of BIN 19. The two EcoRI-cleavage sites contained on the fragment B are internal cleavage sites of
35 this fragment.

Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of gene 3 of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid PtiACH5 (Gielen et al EMBO J 3, 835-846, Nucleotide 11749-11939), which was isolated as Pvu-II-HindIII-fragment from the plasmid pAGV 40 (Herrera-Estrella et al (1983) Nature 303, 209-213) and which was cloned between the sphI-HindIII-cleavage site of the polylinker of BIN 19 after addition of SphI-linkers to the PvuII-cleavage site.

10 The plasmid p33-BE was transferred into Agrobacterium tumefaciens and used for the transformation of potato plants.

Example 4

15 Preparation of the plasmid p33-anti-BE and introduction of plasmid into the plant genome of potato.

In a similar manner to that described in Example 2, plasmid p33-anti-BE was prepared but replacing the 35S-promoter with the promoter of the class I patatin-gene B33 (Rocha-Sosa et al EMBO J 8, 23-29). The plasmid p33-anti-Be has a size of 14.6 kb and consists of three fragments A, B and C which were cloned into the cleavage sites of the polylinker of BIN 19.

25 Fragment A contains the DraI-DraI-fragment (position -1512 to position +14) of the promoter region of the patatin-gene B33 (Rocha-Sosa et al EMBO J 8, 23-29) which was firstly cloned into the SacI-position of the polylinker of pUC 18. The overhanging 3'-ends of the SacI-cleavage site were rendered blunt by T4-DNA polymerase. After this the fragment was inserted as EcoRI-BamHI-fragment between the EcoRI-BamHI-position of the polylinker of BIN 19.

35 Fragment B contains the 2909 bp cDNA fragment cBE which

codes for the branching enzyme. It was cut out as HindIII-SmaI-fragment from the vector pUC 18 and after filling in the HindIII-position with the DNA polymerase, it was cloned into the SmaI-position of the polylinker of BIN 19. For this the orientation of the cDNA was chosen in such a manner that the non-coding strand was readable and anti-sense-RNA could be formed. The cutting positions SphI, PstI and XbaI, BamHI, SmaI originate from the polylinker of pUC 19. The cutting positions BamHI/ XbaI/SalI/PstI originate from the polylinker of BIN 19. The two EcoRI cleavage sites which are located on the fragment B are internal cleavage sites of the fragment.

Fragment C (192 bp) contains the polyadenylation signal of the gene 3 of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5 (Gielen et al EMBO J 3, 835-846), Nucleotides 11749-11939), which had been isolated as PvuII-HindIII-fragment from the plasmid pAGV 40 (Herrera-Estrella et al (1983), Nature 303, 209-213) and which was cloned between the SphI-HindIII-cleavage site of the polylinker of BIN 19 after addition of SphI-linkers to the PvuII cleavage sites.

The plasmid p33-anti-BE was introduced in Agrobacterium tumefaciens and was used for the transformation of potato plants.

Example 5

The nucleotides 166-2909 of the 2909 bp cDNA sequence described in Example 1, that codes for the branching enzyme in the HindII-cleavage site of the cloning vector pUC 19 were inserted into the corresponding cleavage sites of the polylinker of the cloning vector pUC 18. This makes possible a fusion of the N-end of the α -peptide of the β -galactosidase located on the vector with a part of the branching enzyme. The functionality of the resulting

- fusion protein was tested in a mutant of Escherichia coli (KV 832) which is deficient in the branching enzyme (Kiel et al Gene 78, 9 - 17). Cells transformed with this construction were plated out on YT-agar plates containing
- 5 0.5% glucose. The resulting colonies were stained with Lugolscher solution. The transformed plant cells showed a yellow-red colour in contrast to the blue coloured un-transformed plant cells which indicates the branching activity of the fusion protein (Kiel et al Gene 78, 9-17).
- 10 An over-production of this protein in Escherichia coli enables the use as technical enzyme.

Claims

1. A plasmid that contains a DNA sequence that contains information that causes changes in the carbohydrate concentration and the carbohydrate composition in regenerated plants, after insertion into the plant genome.
2. A plasmid according to Claim 1 characterised in that the DNA sequence is the coding sequence of a branching enzyme.
3. A plasmid according to Claim 2 characterised in that the branching enzyme is an enzyme having the following sequence:

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1 TCA66AGC66TCTT66GATATTTCTTCCACCCCAAAATCAAGAGTTAGAAAAAGATGAAAG
61 GATGAAGCACAGTTCA6CTATTTCC6CTGTTTTGACCGATGACAATTCGACAAT66CACC
121 CCTAGAGGAAGATGTCAACACTGAAAAATATTGGCCTCCTAAATTTG6ATCCAACCTTT6GA
181 ACCTTATCTAGATCACTTCAGACACAGAATGAAGAGATATGT66ATCAGAAAAATGCTCAT
241 TGA AAAAATATGA66GACCCCTTGA6GAATTTGCTCAA66TTATTTAAAAATTTG6ATTCAA
301 CA66GAAGAT66TT6CATAGTCTATCGTGAAT666CTCCT6CTGCTCA66AAGCAGAAGT
361 TATT66CGATTTCAAT66TA6GAACGGTTCTAACCACATGAT6GA6AA66ACCAAGTTT6G
541 AAAGTAT6CCACT6CAGACGCCACAAAGTTT6CAGCACCATAT6ATGGTGTCTACT66GA
601 CCCACCACCTTCAGAAA66TACCCTTCAAATACCCTC6CCCTCCCAAACCC6AGCCCC
661 ACGAATCTACGAAGCACATGT66CAT6AGCA6CTCT6AGCCACGT6TAAATTCGTATCG
721 TGA6TTT6CAGAT6ATGTTTTACCTCG6ATTAA66CAAATAACTATAATACT6TCCA6TT
781 6AT66CCATAAT6GAACATTCTTACTAT66ATCATTTG6ATATCAT6TTACAAACTTTTT
841 T6CTGT6AGCAATAGATAT6GAACCC6GA6GACCTAAAGTATCTGATAGATAAAGCACA
901 TAGCTT666TTTACA66TTCT66T66AT6TAGTTCACAGTCAT6CAA6CAATAAT6TCAC
961 TGAT66CCTCAAT66CTTTGATATT6GCCAA66TTCTCAAGAATCCTACTTTTAT6CT6G
1021 AGAGC6A666TACCATAAGTTGT66GATAGCA66CT6TTCAACTAT6CCAATT666AGGT

1081 TCTTC6TTTCCTTCTTTCCAACCTTGAGGTGGTGGCTAGAAGAGTATAACTTTGACGGATT
1141 TCGATTTGATGGAATAACTTCTATGCTGTATGTTTCATCATGGAATCAATATGGGATTTAC
1201 A6GAAACTATAATGAGTATTTCA6CGA6GCTACAGATGTTGATGCTGTGGTCTATTTAAT
1261 GTTGGCCAATAATCTGATTCACAA6ATTTTCCCAGACGCAACTGTTATTGCCGAA6ATGT
1321 TTCTGGTATGCCGGGCTTA6CCGGCTGTTTCTGA6GGAGGAATTGGTTTTGATTACCG
1381 CCTGGCAATGGCAATCCCAGATAAGTGGATAGATTATTTAAAGAATAAGAATGATGAAGA
1441 TTGGTCCATGAA6GAAGTAACATCGAGTTTGACAAATAGGAGATATACAGAGAA6GTAT
1501 AGCATATGCGGAGAGCCATGATCAGTCTATTGTCGGTGACAAGACCATTGCATTTCTCCT
1561 AATGAACAAA6A6ATGATTCTGGCATGTCTTGGTGGACAGATGCTTCTCCTGTTGTTGA
1621 T6CAGGAATTGCGCTTGACAA6ATGATCCATTTTTTTCACAAATGGCCTTGGGAG6A6A6G
1681 GGTACCTCAATTTTCATGGGTAA6GAGTTTGGCCATCCTGA6TGGATTGACTTCCCTA6TG
1741 AGGGCAATAATTGGA6TTATGACAAATGTAGACGCCAGTGGAACTTGGCAGATAGCGAAC
1801 ACTTGAGATACAA6TTTATGAATGCATTTGATAGAGCTATGAATTCGCTCGATGAAAAGT
1861 TCTCATTCCTGCGATCAGGAAAACAGATAGTAAGCAGCATGGATGATGATAATAA6GTTG
1921 TTGTGTTTGAACGTGGTGACCTGGTATTTGTATTCAACTTCCACCCAAATAACACATACG
1981 AAGGGTATAAA6TTGGATGTGACTTGGCAGGGAA6GTACAGAGTTGCACTGGACAGTGTG
2041 CTTGGGAATTTGGTGGCCATGGAA6AGCTGGTCATGATGTTGACCATTTACATCACCAG
2101 AAGGAATACCTGGAGTTCCAGAAAACAAATTTCAATGGTGGTCCAAATTCCTTCAAAGTGC
2161 TGTCTCCTGCGCGAACATGTGTGGCTTATTACAGAGTTGATGAACGCATGTCATAAACTG
2221 AAGATTACCAGACAGACATTTGTAGTGA6CTACTACCAACAGCCAATATCGAGGAAA6TG
2281 ACGAGAAACTTAAAGATTCATCATCTACAAATATCAGTACATCATCTACAAAAAATGCTT
2341 ATTACAGAGTTGATGAACGCATGTGAGAA6CTGAA6ATTACCAGACAGACATTTGTAGTG
2401 AGCTACTACTACCAACAGCCAATATCGAGGAGAGTGACGAGAAACTTGATGATTCAATTAT
2461 CTACAAATATCAGTAACATTGGTCAGACTGTTGTAGTTTCTGTTGAGGAGAGAGACAA6G
2521 AACTTAAAGATTCAACATCTGTAAGCATCATTAGTGATGCTGTTCCAGCTGAATGGGCTG
2581 ATTCGGATGCAAA6CTCTGGGGTGA6GACTAGTCAGATGATTGATCGATCCTTCTACGTT
2641 GGTGATCTCGGTCCTGTCATGATGTCTTCA6GGTGGTAGCATTGACTGATTGCATCATAG
2701 TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTAA6TATTTCTCTATGTCATATTATTA6CATCCAATAAATTTAC
2761 TGGTTGTTGTACATAGAAAAA6TGCAATTTGCATGTATGTGTTTCTGAAATTTTCCCA
2821 GTTTTGGTGGCTTTGGAGCCAA6TCTCTATATGTAATAAGAAA6CTAAGAA6CAAT
2881 CACATATATAAAATGTTAGTAGATTACCA .

4. A plasmid according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the carbohydrates are mono-, di-, oligo- or polysaccharides.
- 5 5. A plasmid according to Claim 4 characterised in that the polysaccharide is starch.
6. A plasmid according to Claim 3 characterised in that the branching enzyme alters the amylose/amylopectin ratio of the starch in plant cells and in plants.
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7. A plasmid according to Claims 2 or 3 characterised in that the DNA sequence of the branching enzyme is fused to the regulatory sequences of other genes that ensures a transcription of the branching enzyme coding DNA sequence.
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8. A plasmid according to Claim 7 characterised in that the DNA sequence of the branching enzyme is fused in inverted direction to the regulatory sequence of other genes thereby the 3'-end of the coding sequence is fused to the 3'-end of the promoter and the 5'-end of the coding sequence is fused to the 5'-end of the termination signal that gives an anti-sense RNA in the plant produced by the branching enzyme.
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9. A plasmid according to Claims 7 or 8 characterised in that the regulatory sequences are promoters and termination signals of plant or viral genes.
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10. A plasmid according to Claim 9 characterised in that the promoter is a promoter of the 35s RNA of the cauliflower mosaic virus and the termination signal is the 3'-end of the octopine-synthase-gene of the T-DNA of the Ti-plasmid pTiACH5.
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11. A plasmid according to Claim 9 characterised in that the promoter is a promoter of the class I patatin-gene B33.
- 5 12. Plasmid P35 S-BE (DMS 6143)
13. Plasmid P35 S-anti-BE (DSM 6144)
14. Plasmid P33-Be (DSM 6145)
- 10 15. Plasmid P33-anti-Be (DSM 6146)
16. A plant that contains a sequence of at least one plasmid according to any one of Claims 1 to 15.
- 15 17. A plant according to Claim 16 characterised in that the plants are commercially used plants such as maize, barley, wheat, rice, pea, soya bean, sugar cane, sugar beet, tomato, potato or tobacco.
- 20 18. Use of the plasmids claimed in any one of claims 12 to 15, for the production of transgenic plants in which the amylose/amylopectin ratio of the starch is modified.
- 25 19. Use of the plasmids according to Claim 18 characterised in that the plants are commercially used plants.
- 30 20. Use of the plasmids according to Claim 19 characterised in that the plants are maize, barley, wheat, rice, pea, soya bean, sugar cane, sugar beet, tomato, potato and tobacco.

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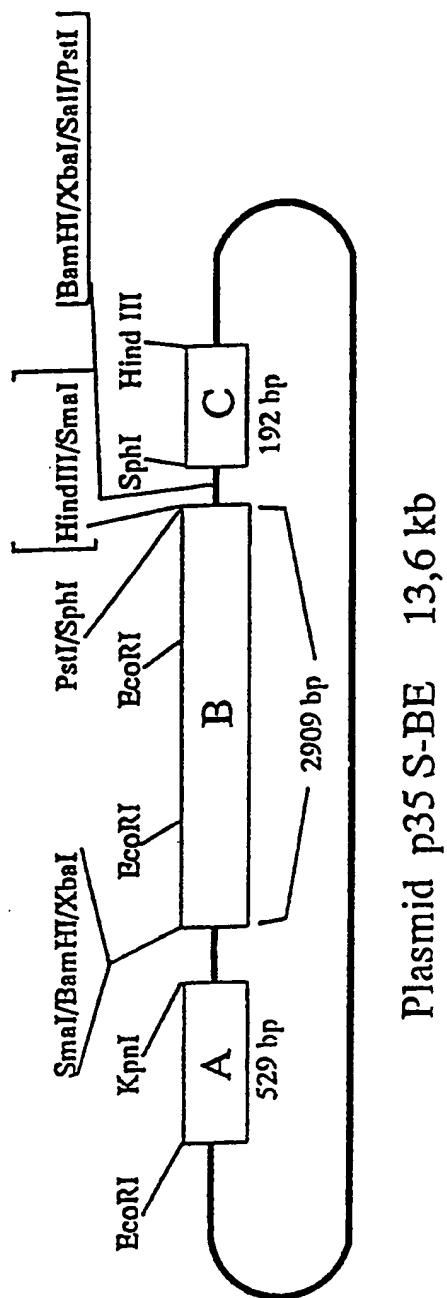
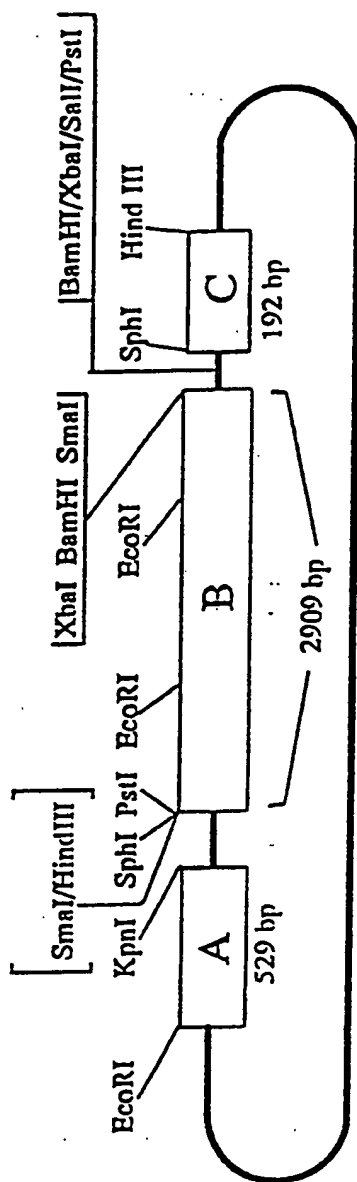


Fig. 1

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Plasmid p35 S-anti-BE 13,6 kb

Fig. 2

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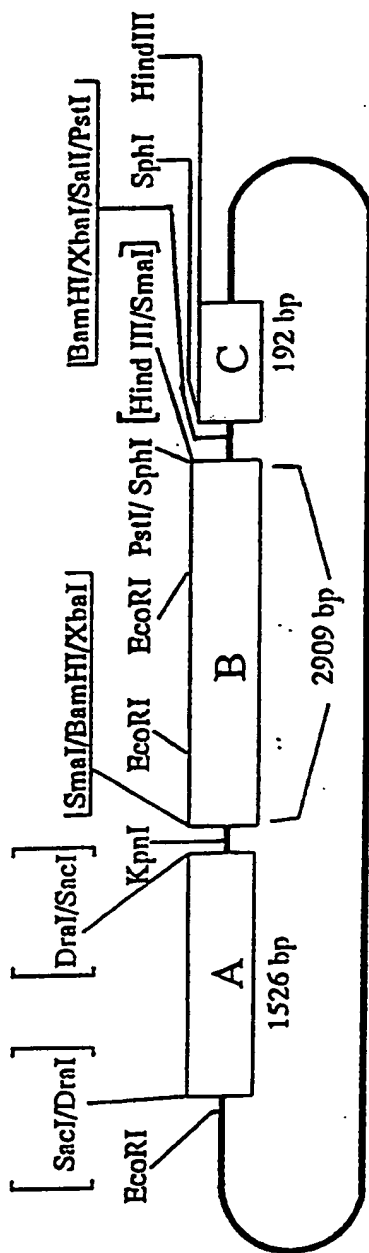
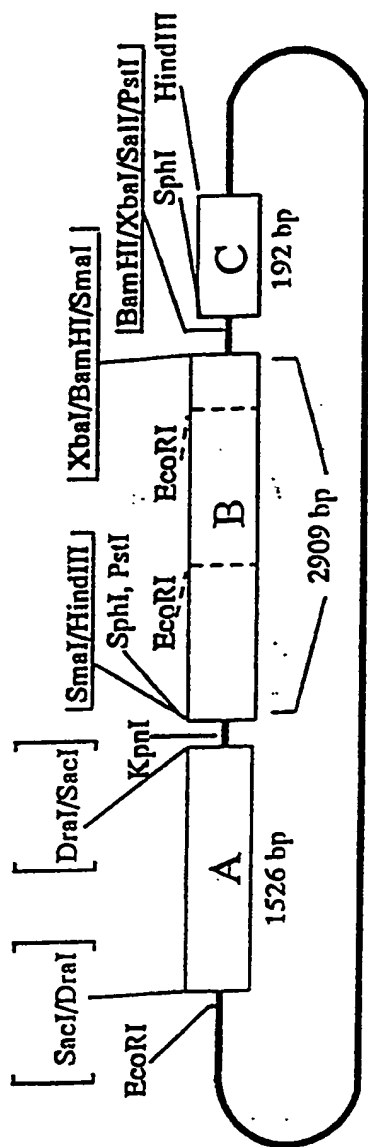


Fig. 3

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Plasmid p33 - anti-BE 14,6 kb

Fig. 4

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